

16th-17th and 17th-18th. The following is an extract of the order in so far as it affected the Engineers: "The 105th Engineer Regiment will relieve the British Pioneer Battalion and the R. E. companies, under arrangements made between the 30th (American) Divisional Engineer and the C. R. E. of the 33rd (British) Division."

In accordance with this order the commanding officer of the 105th Engineers, Division Engineer, completed the following arrangements:

The three companies of the 1st Battalion were to relieve the R. E. companies of the 33rd (British) Division, and the 2nd Battalion was to relieve the Pioneer Battalion. Arrangements were made by the C. O. 105th Engineers with the C. R. E. of the 33rd (British) Division for the major of each battalion with his company commanders and four N. C. O.'s from each company to meet corresponding officers and other ranks from the R. E. companies and the Pioneer Battalion and go over the work in hand and the billets.

The Commanding Officer went over the field of operations with the C. R. E. (33rd British Division) and made all final arrangements for the transfer and taking over.

On August the 16th the officers and other ranks of the two battalions met corresponding details from the 33rd (British) R. E.'s and the Pioneer Battalion and went over the works and the billets, completing all details in regard to the turn over.

Men were paid for the month of July on the afternoon of August 16th.

The division now became a *Combat Division*, its training having been sufficiently completed to the satisfaction of the authority competent to judge.

Sir Claude Jacobs, the Commanding General of the II British Corps, under whom the training from July 11th to August the 16th was conducted, in his criticism of the 30th American Division, wrote as follows regarding the Engineers: "The 105th Engineer Regiment is a thoroughly efficient unit, officered by qualified engineers."